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## VLQ searches and hadronic final states - CMS

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# BSM searches

- ❑ **New Physics searches** → look for new particles predicted by beyond SM theories
- ❑ rare final states or high-centre-of-mass energy  $\sqrt{s}$  needed !

## Vector-Like Quarks

- ❑ Vector-like quarks (VLQ): colored 1/2-spin particles, left and right components are symmetric
- ❑ VLQ masses do **not depend** on Yukawa couplings
- ❑ Predicted by many theoretical models
- ❑ Can be produced at LHC
  - ❑ **Pair production** via Strong interaction
    - ❑  $\sigma$  does not depend on VLQ  $\Gamma$  and EW coupling
  - ❑ **Single production** via EW interaction
    - ❑ heavier masses can be probed

## Hadronic final states

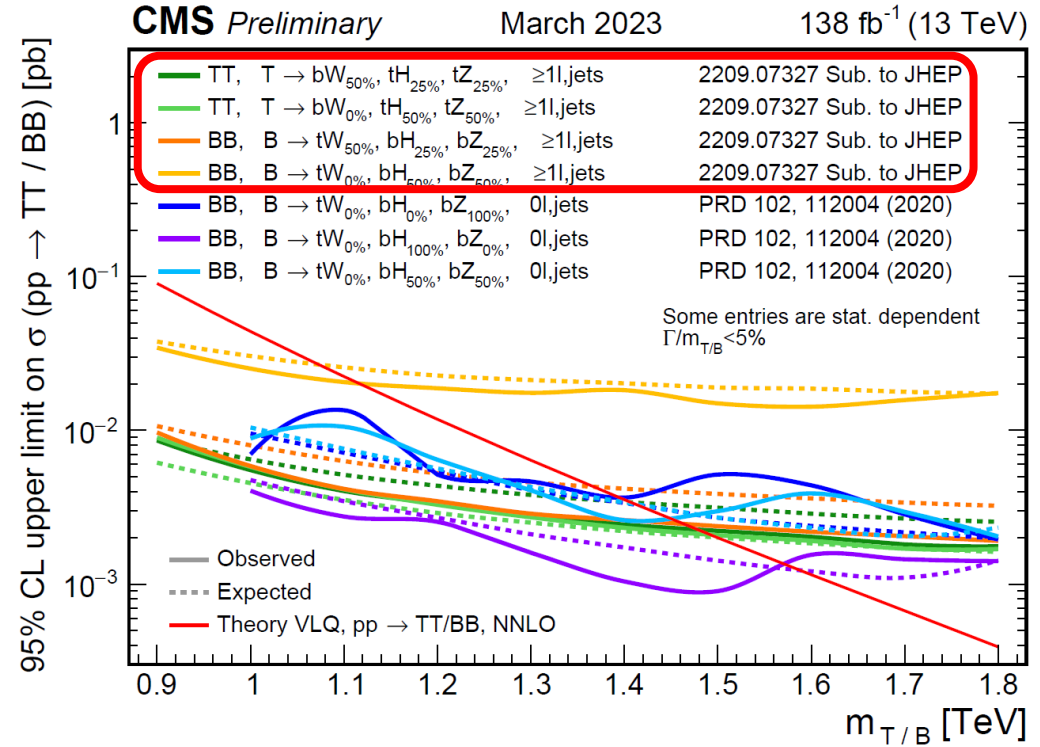
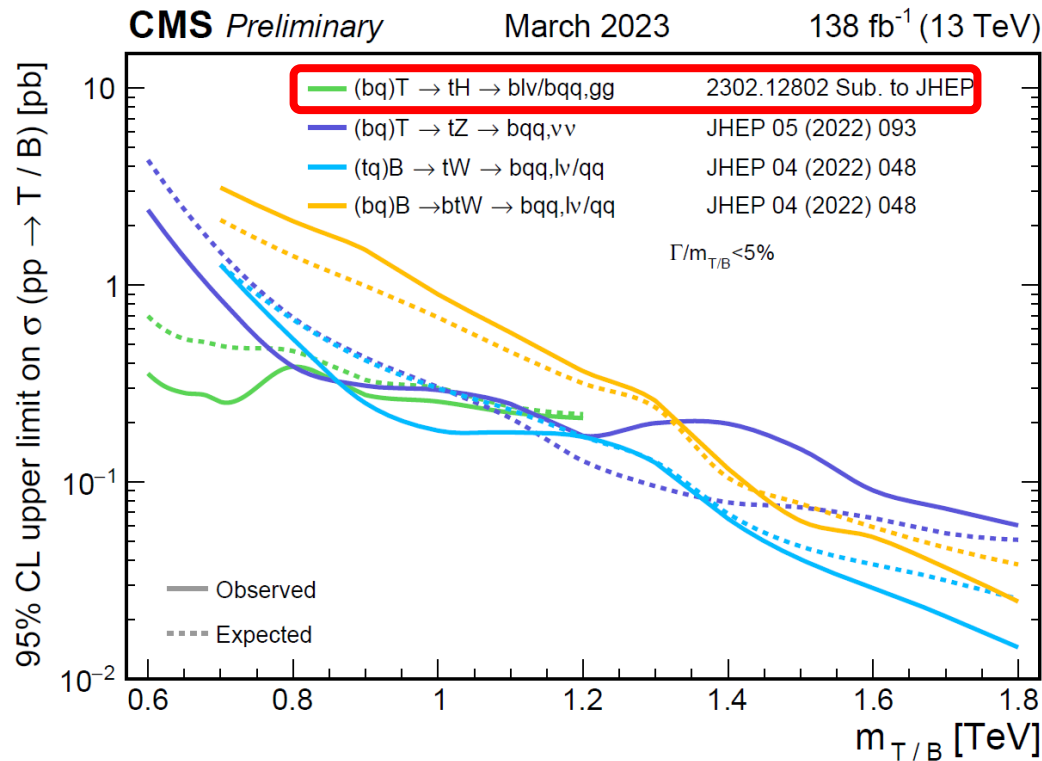
- ❑ Decays to heavy SM objects, **H/W/Z/Top**:  
High  $\sqrt{s}$  → large Lorentz boost
  - ❑ **Large BR** in hadronic decays  
→ **large background** (multijet)
  - ❑ Focus on **diboson final state**
- can be produced by
- ❑ **spin-0 Rad** and **spin-2  $G_{bulk}$**  in the Randall–Sundrum model with warped extra dimensions
  - ❑ **spin-1** vector boson resonances (**W' and Z'**) appearing in composite Higgs and little Higgs models

Leptonic final states in [Halil](#) and [Nicolas'](#) talks

# Vector-Like Quarks (VLQs)

□ In minimal models, VLQs exist as either **singlets** (T and B) or as a **doublet** (T, B), each with different **Branching Fractions**:

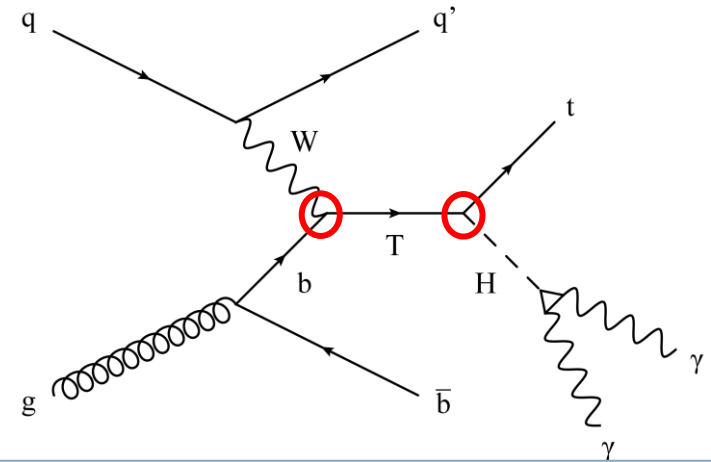
- **singlet**  $\rightarrow$  **50 %** ( $T \rightarrow bW$ ,  $B \rightarrow tW$ ),  
**25%** ( $T \rightarrow tH$  and  $\rightarrow tZ$ ,  $B \rightarrow bW$  and  $\rightarrow bZ$ )
- **doublet**  $\rightarrow$  **50%** ( $T \rightarrow tH$  and  $\rightarrow tZ$ ,  $B \rightarrow bW$  and  $\rightarrow bZ$ )



In this presentation

$$T \rightarrow tH \quad (H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$$

- EW single production of an isospin singlet VLQ  $T$
  - NWA  $\rightarrow \Gamma \approx 1\%$  of  $M_T$  (valide up to  $\frac{\Gamma}{M_T} \approx 10 - 15\%$ )
  - Search in  $tH$  final state
    - diphoton reconstruction of  $H$
    - $t \rightarrow Wb$  separatly considered:  $W \rightarrow lv$  and  $W \rightarrow qq'$
  - Selection :
    - 2 prompt photons
    - **leptonic events**  $\rightarrow$  1 electron/muon
    - **hadronic events**  $\rightarrow$  2 jets
- } + 1 b-tagged jet



Coupling of  $T$  to the third-generation quarks ( $\kappa_T$ )

$$T \rightarrow tH \quad (H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$$

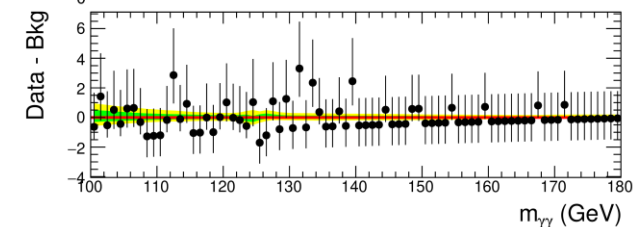
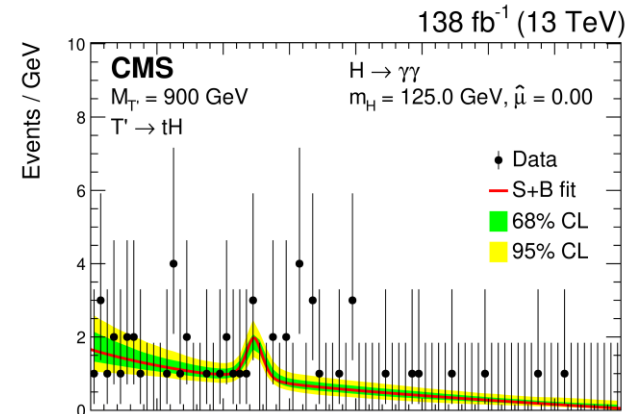
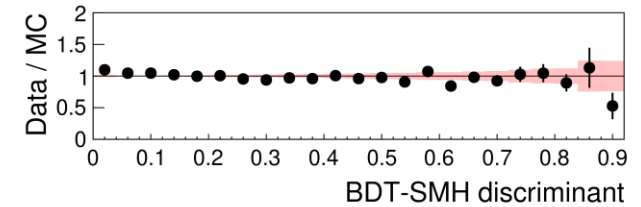
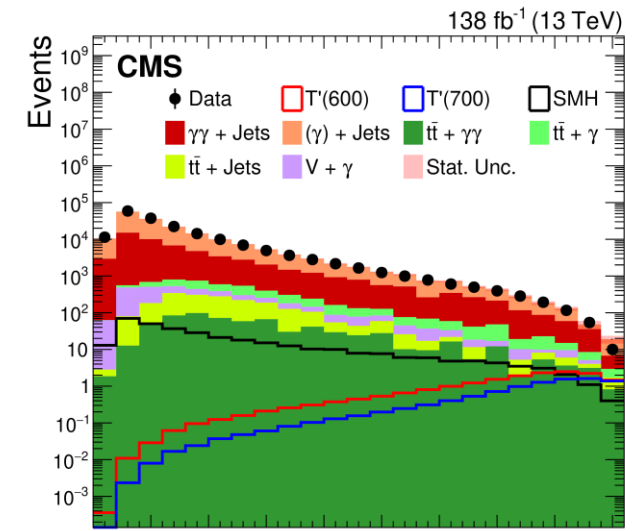
### Background composition :

- **Leptonic category:** Drell-Yan processes
- **Hadronic category:** QCD and  $\gamma(\gamma) + jets$
- both categories: dominant background  $ttH$  , among the SM Higgs (SMH) production processes
- BDT-SMH implemented separately **for each category**
- Additional **BDT (BDT-NRB)** suppresses Non-Resonant Backgrounds in the **hadronic category**

### Signal extraction via fit to $m_H$ :

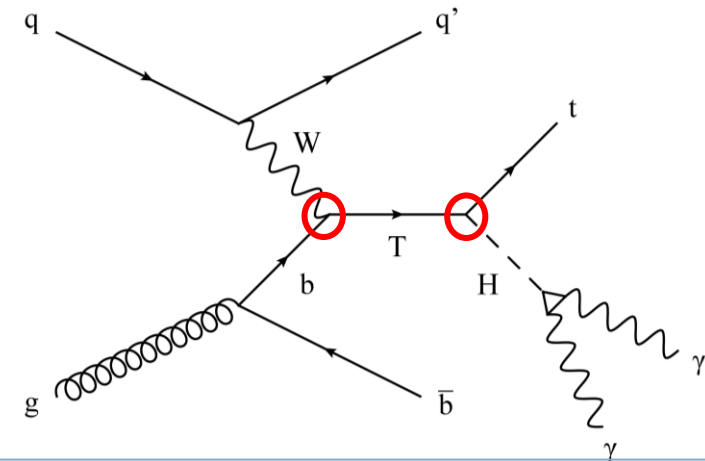
- Exploits  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  **resolution of 1-2%**
- Searches for a peak in the invariant mass of the reconstructed photons

□ No significant excess found in data

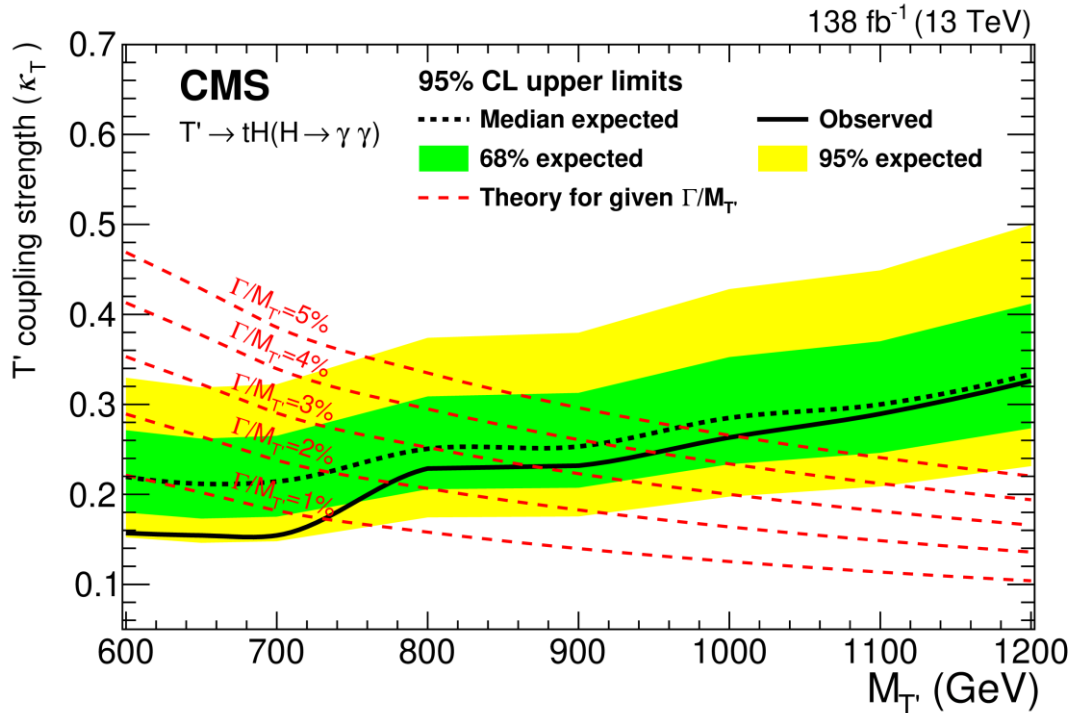
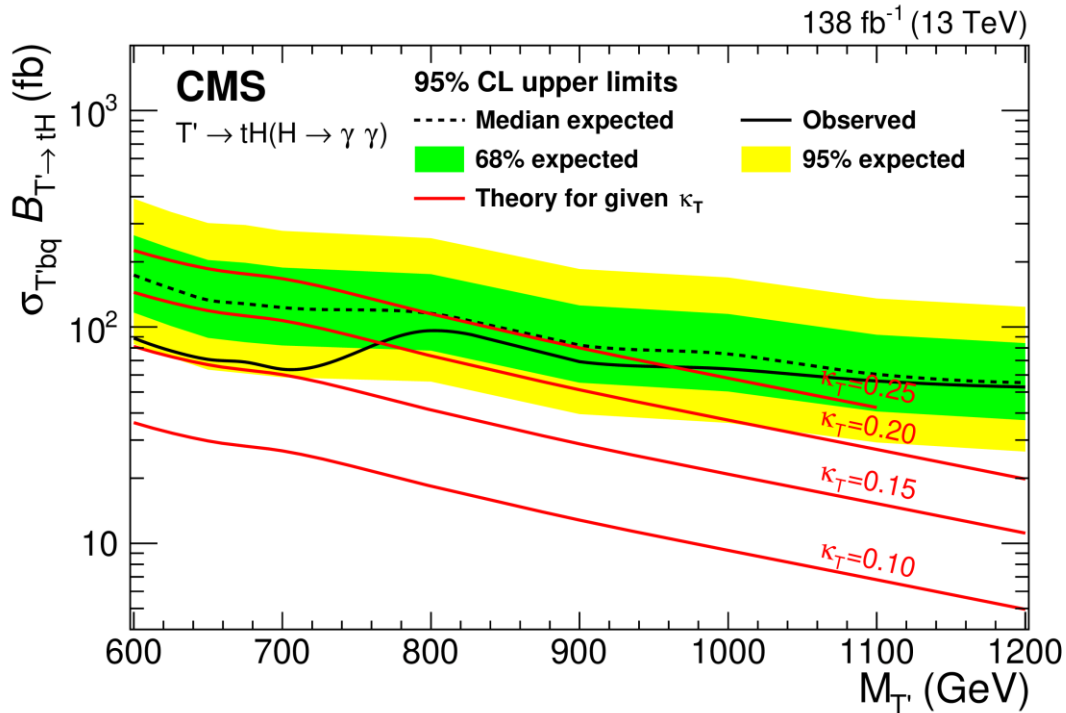


# $T \rightarrow tH \quad (H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$

- With  $\kappa_T = 0.25$  and a width of  $\Gamma/M_T < 5\%$ , the search has successfully excluded the EW production of a singlet  $T'$  VLQ up to a mass of 960 GeV at a 95% CL

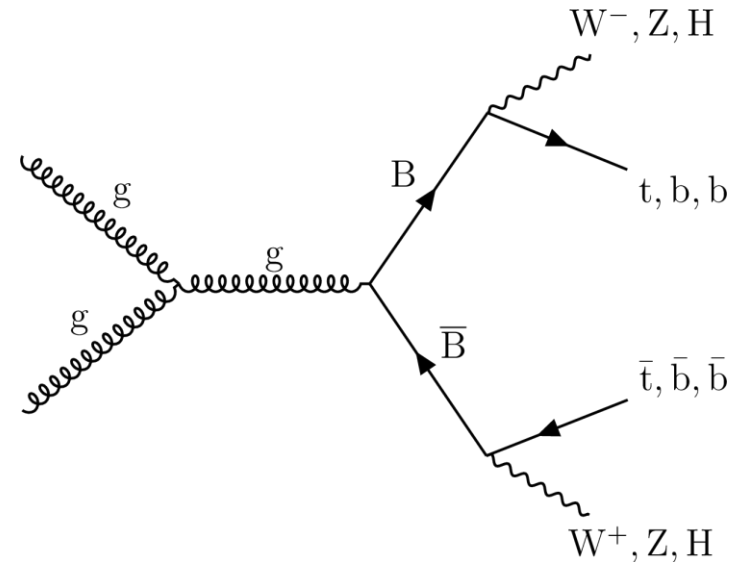
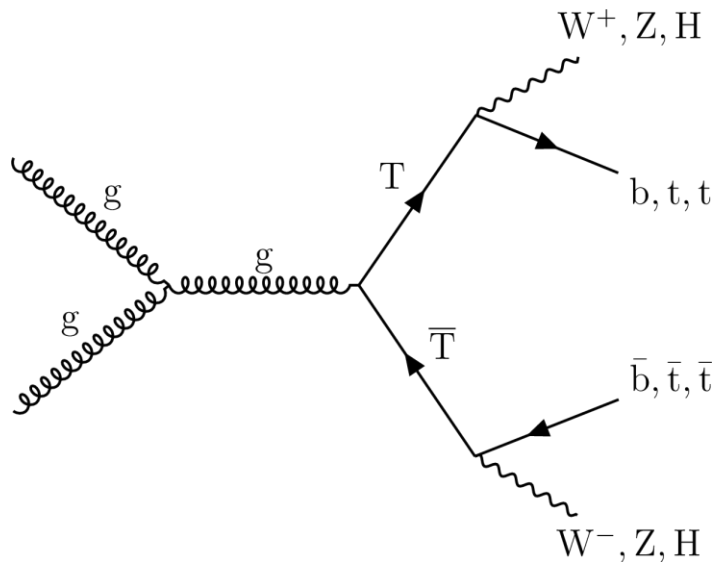


Coupling of T to the third-generation quarks ( $\kappa_T$ )



# Pair production $TT/BB$

- Assumptions:
  - Only one flavor of VLQ is present in this search
- Three final states considered
  - **single-lepton channel (1  $\ell$ )**
  - **same-sign charge (SS) dilepton channel (2  $\ell$ )**
  - **multilepton channel with at least three leptons ( $\geq 3 \ell$ )**

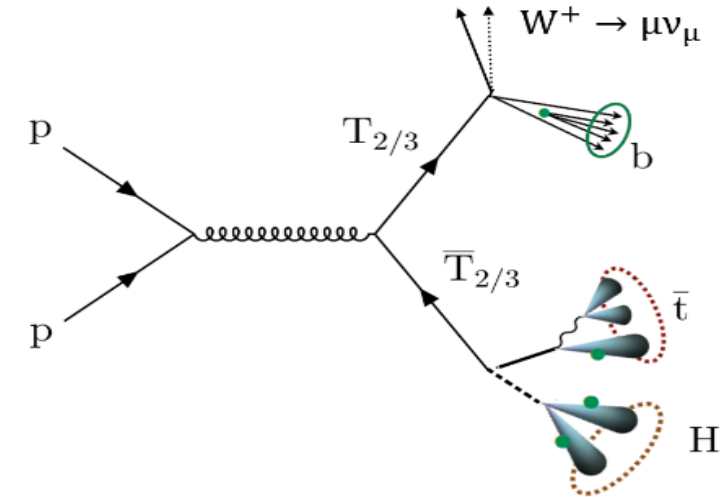




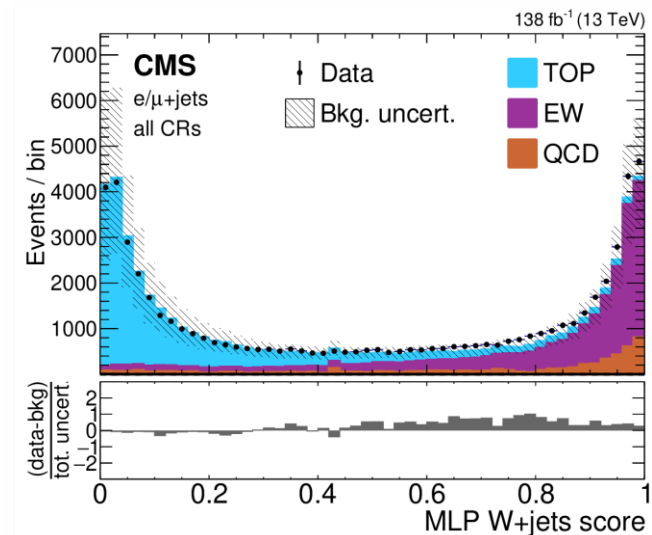
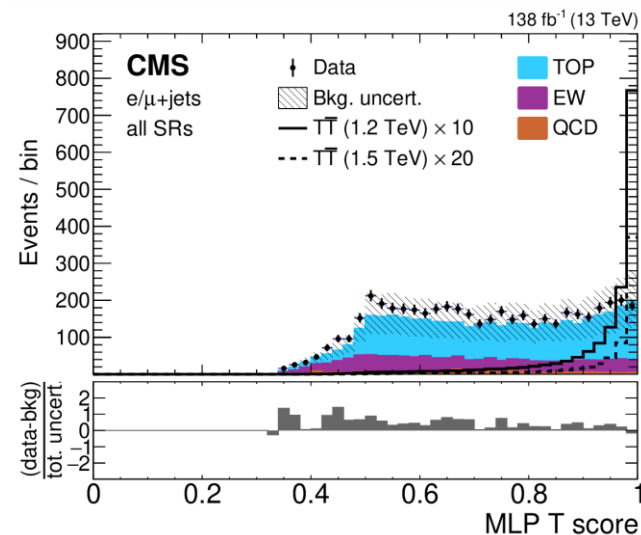
# Pair production $TT/BB$

## Single-lepton channel

- Provides broad sensitivity to all  $T\bar{T}$  decays, as well as to  $B \rightarrow tW$
- A VLQ pairs decay produce 2 top or bottom quarks and 2 W, Z, or H bosons
- Final state: 1 top or W decays in  $\rightarrow l\nu$ , while the other products decay hadronically in  $\geq 3$  large-radius jets (AK8)



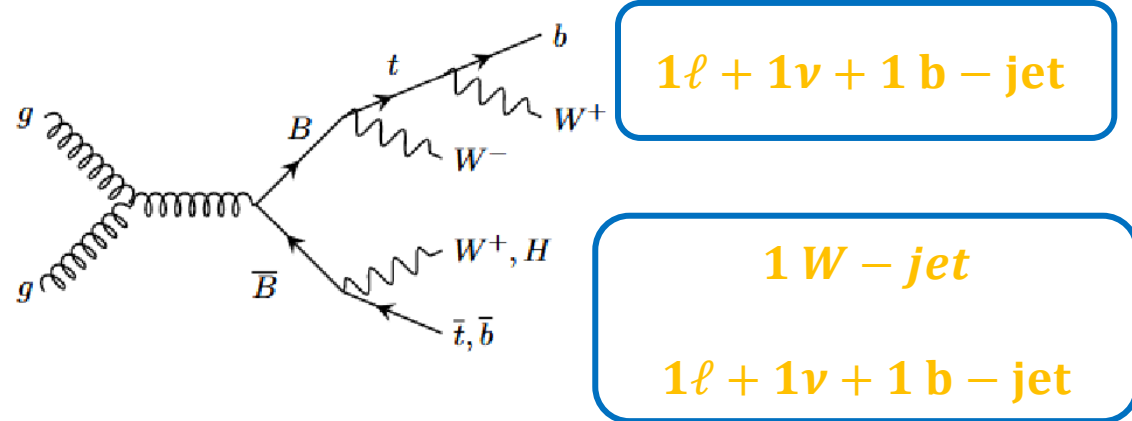
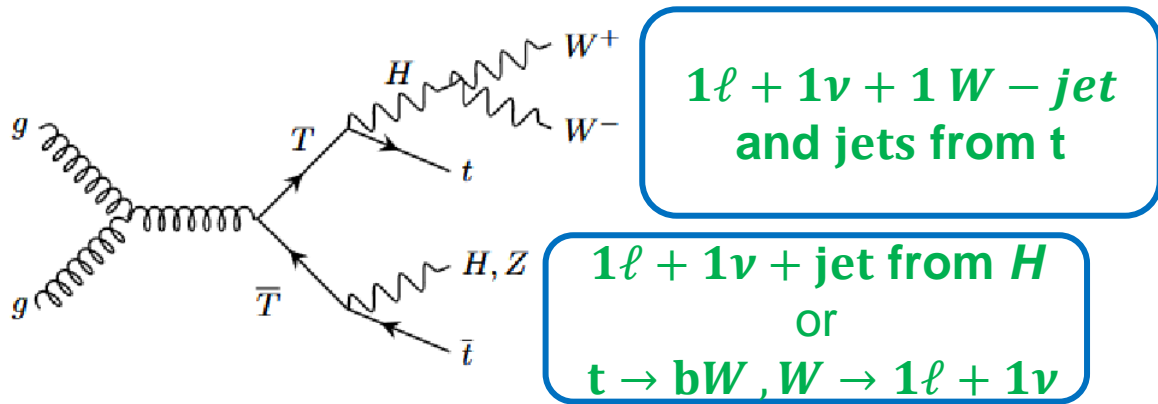
- $\ell + MET = W$  or  $b\text{-jet} + W = t$
- $(W/t + AK8), (AK8 + AK8) = VLQ \text{ pairs}$
- MLP trained to separate SR and CR  
 $\rightarrow$  2 independent model for TT and BB



# Pair production $TT/BB$

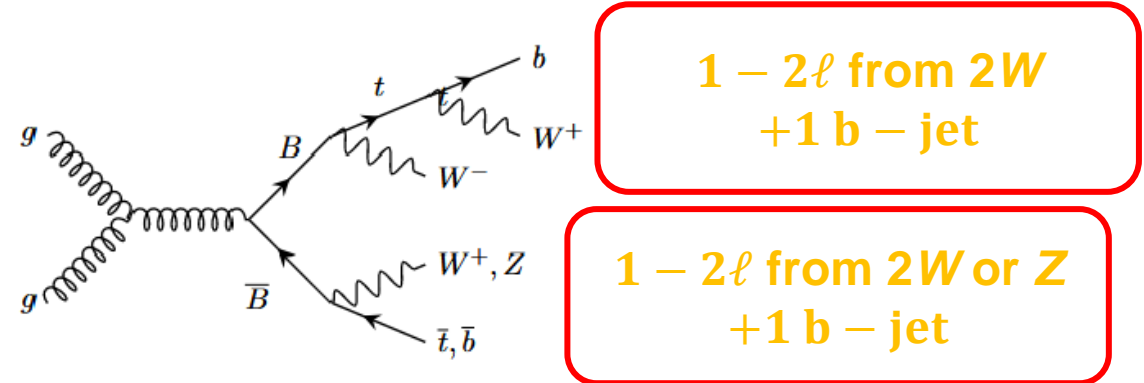
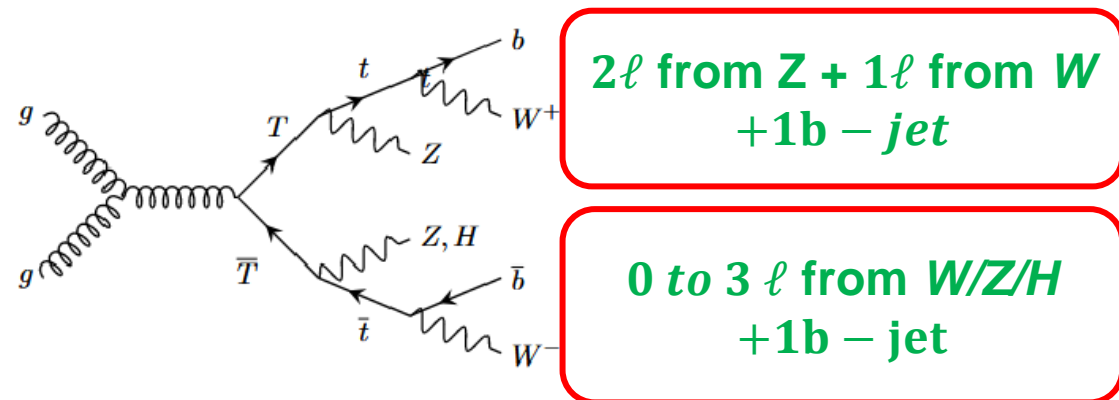
## Same-Sign charge (SS) dilepton channel

□ sensitive to  $T \rightarrow tH$  (with  $H \rightarrow WW$ ) and  $B \rightarrow tW$  decays



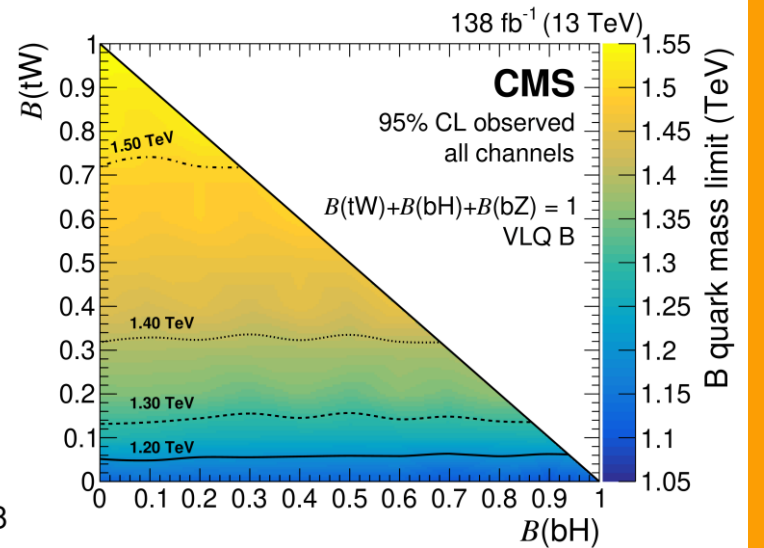
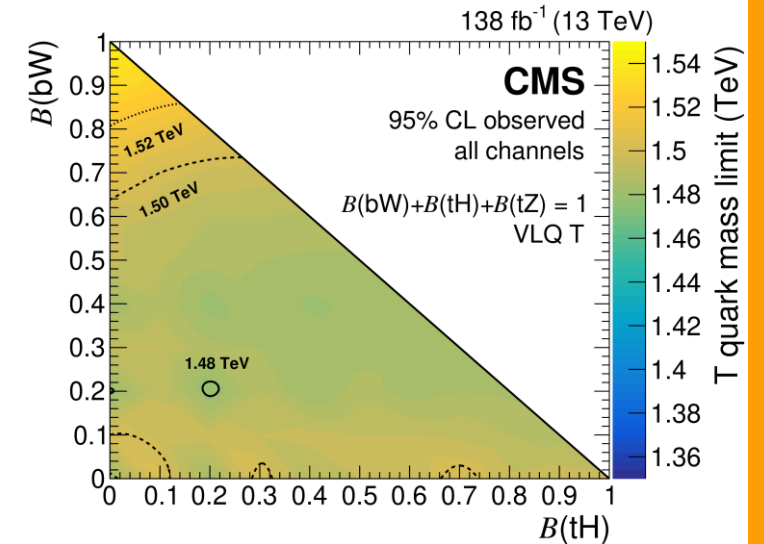
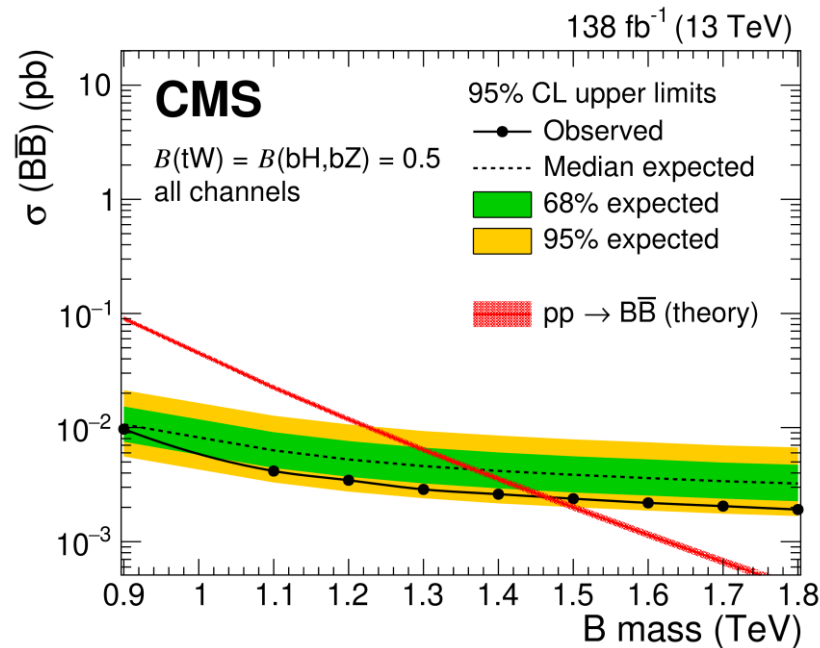
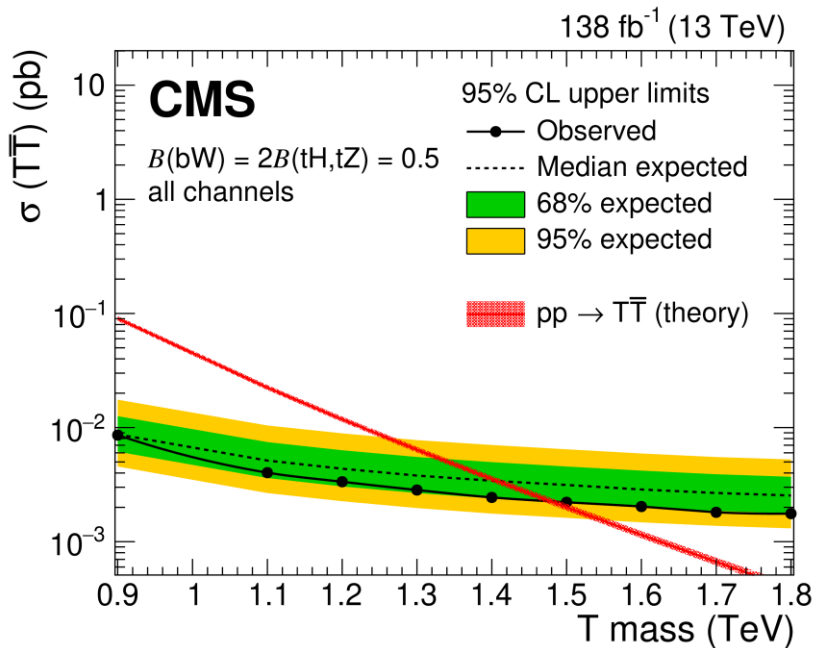
## Multilepton channel with at least three leptons

□ sensitive to  $T \rightarrow tZ$  and  $B \rightarrow tW$  decays



# Pair production $TT/BB$

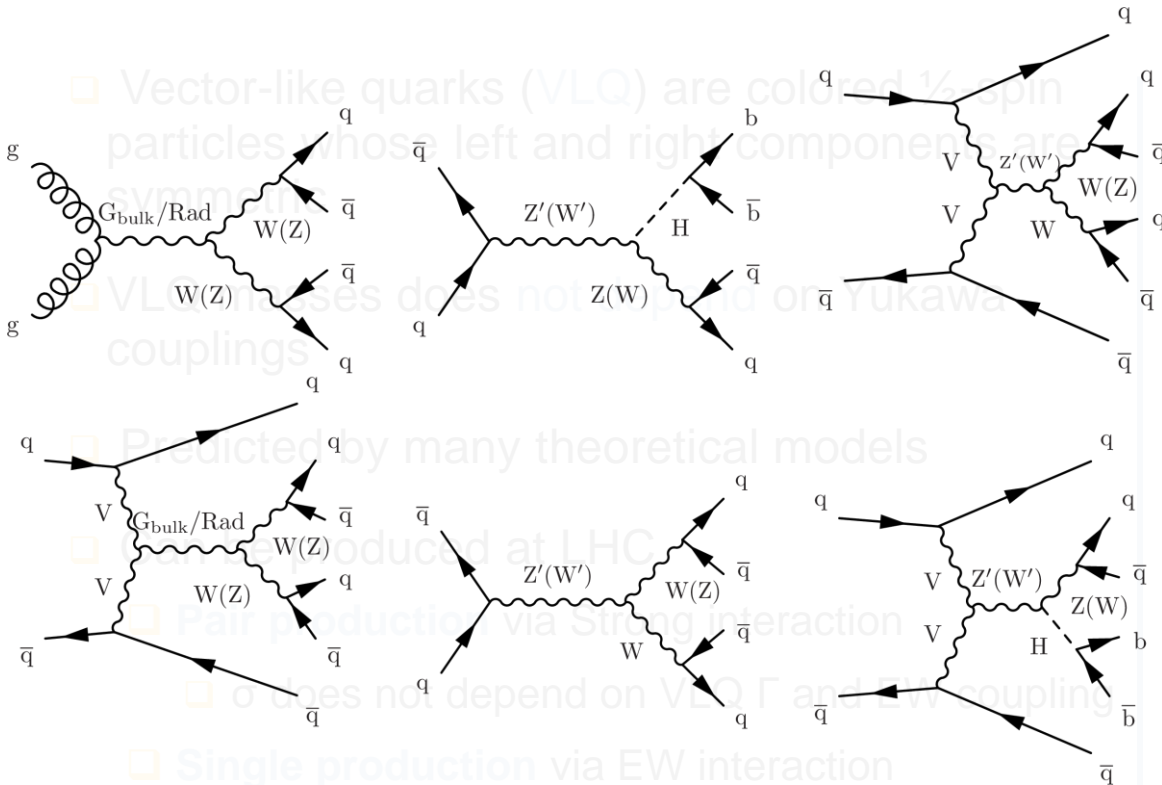
- Simultaneous fit using template histograms from multiple different discriminating variables in all three channels
- From the scan, we exclude T quarks with masses below 1.48– 1.54 TeV and B quarks with masses below 1.12– 1.56 TeV, depending on the branching fraction. T masses below 1.48 TeV are excluded in any scenario.



# BSM searches

- ❑ **New Physics searches** → extend the SM discovering new particles
- ❑ rare final states or high-centre-of-mass energy  $\sqrt{s}$  needed !

## Vector-Like Quarks



## Hadronic final states

- ❑ Decays to heavy SM objects, **H/W/Z/Top**:  
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- ❑ Focus on **diboson final state**

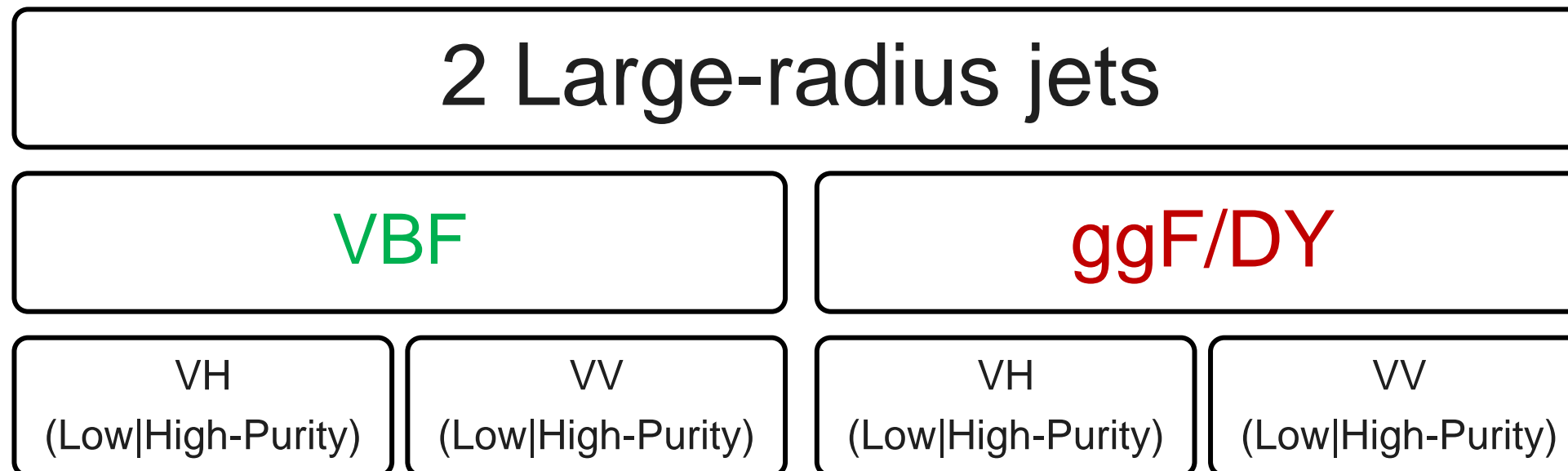
→ can be produced by

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Leptonic final states in [Hail](#) and [Nicolas'](#) talks

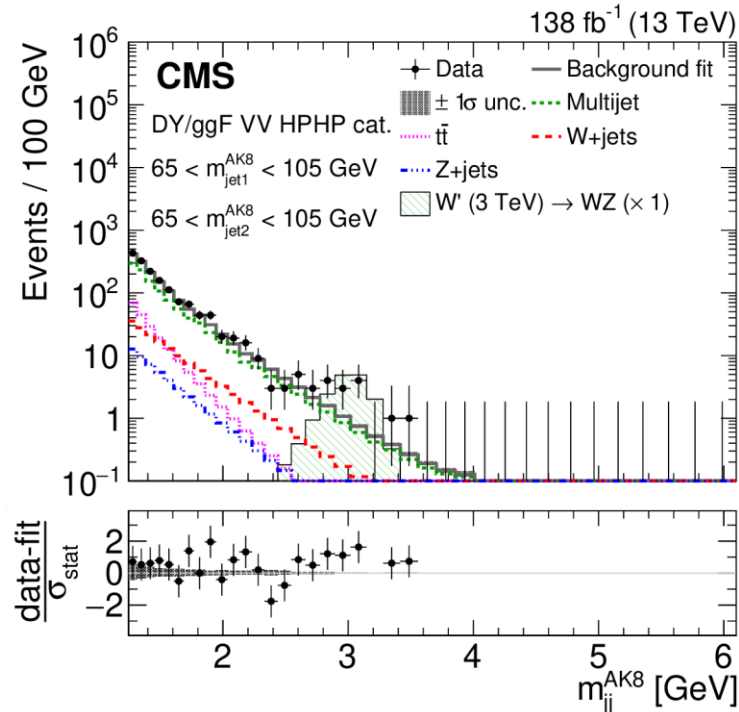
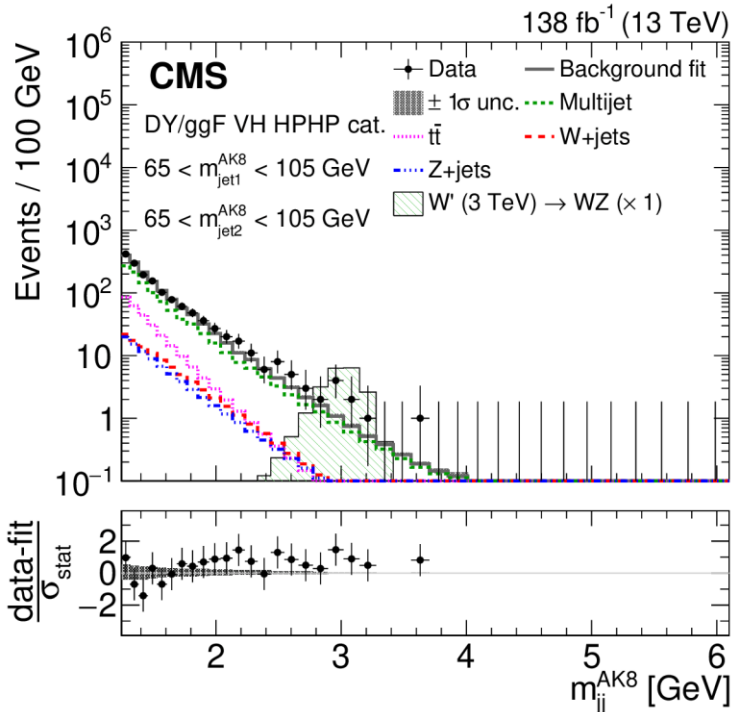
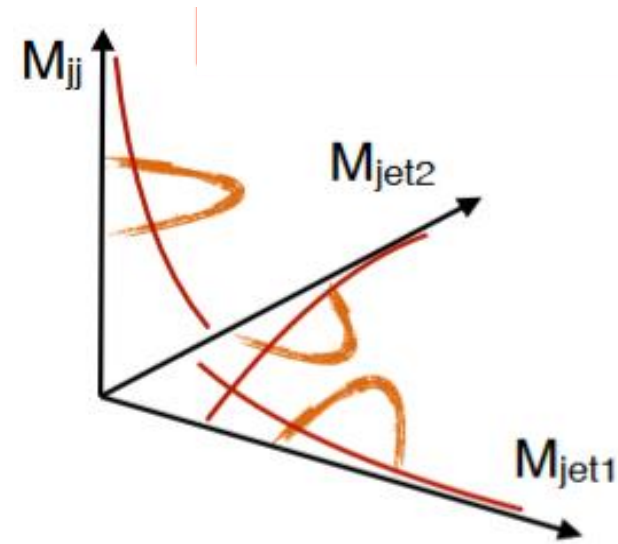
# Diboson pairs in all-jet final state

- Search for **new heavy resonances** decaying in diboson pairs
- Resonances produced via **gluon fusion** (ggF), **Drell–Yan** (DY), or **vector boson fusion** (VBF) are targeted in **final state** made up by **2 large-radius jets (AK8)**
- Large-radius jets **selection** → “groomed” mass and **deepAK8 tagger**
- Several regions are determined based on the misID of the deepAK8 tagger



# Diboson pairs in all-jet final state

- Background composition
  - Non-resonant background (Multijet)
    - Dominant background
    - Forward folding ensures smooth, full spectrum
  - Partially resonant
    - Resonant in  $m_{jet1}$  or  $m_{jet2}$ , non-resonant in  $m_{jj}$
    - Model separately  $t\bar{t}$  and  $V+jets$

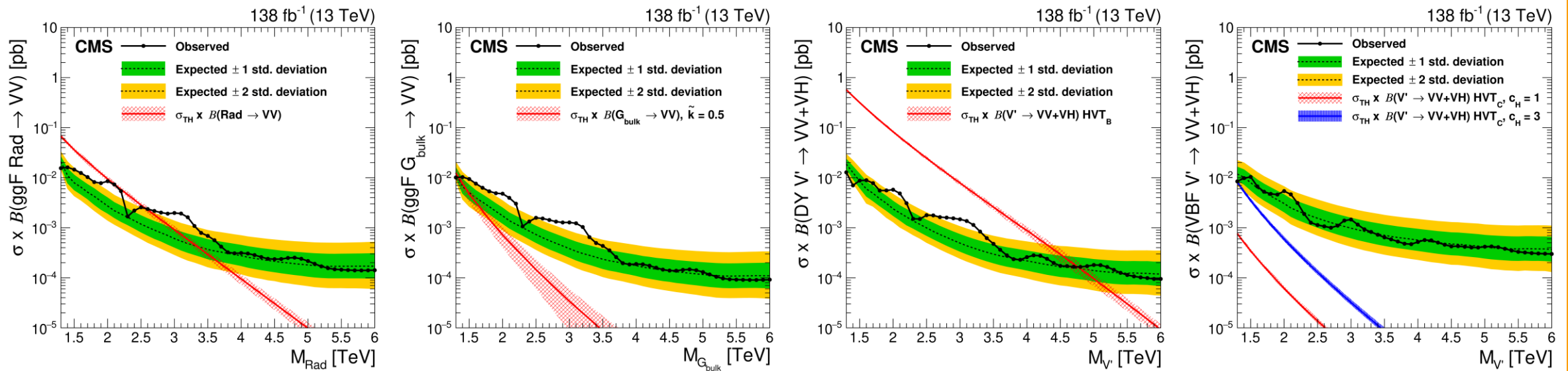


- 3D maximum likelihood fit of signal and background templates to data in  $(m_{jj}^{AK8}, m_{jet1}^{AK8}, m_{jet2}^{AK8})$  space is conducted in all regions
- Excess observed:
  - DY/ggF VH category: **1.7–3.2 TeV** range
  - DY/ggF VV category: **around 2 and 3 TeV**

Global significance of **2.3 $\sigma$**

# Diboson pairs in all-jet final state

- Upper limits on the production cross section at 95% CL are set
- A global significance of  $2.3\sigma$  is found under  $W' \rightarrow WZ$  hypothesis at 2.1 and 2.9 TeV mass
- Searches in the semileptonic final states did not observe any excesses in the same mass range



# Conclusions

- An overview of recent results in BSM searches is presented
  - VLQs
    - $T \rightarrow tH$  ( $\gamma\gamma$ ) the most **sensitive** to date **for mass up to 1.1 TeV** with this production mechanism
    - TT production strongest limits to date with all decays mode and the BB production strongest limit in  $tW$  decay
  - Hadronic final state
    - a **diboson pair** production in all hadronic final state with **an excess found** in data is presented. However, searches in the semileptonic final states did not observe any excesses in the same mass range

Unleash the power  
of Run 3 results!



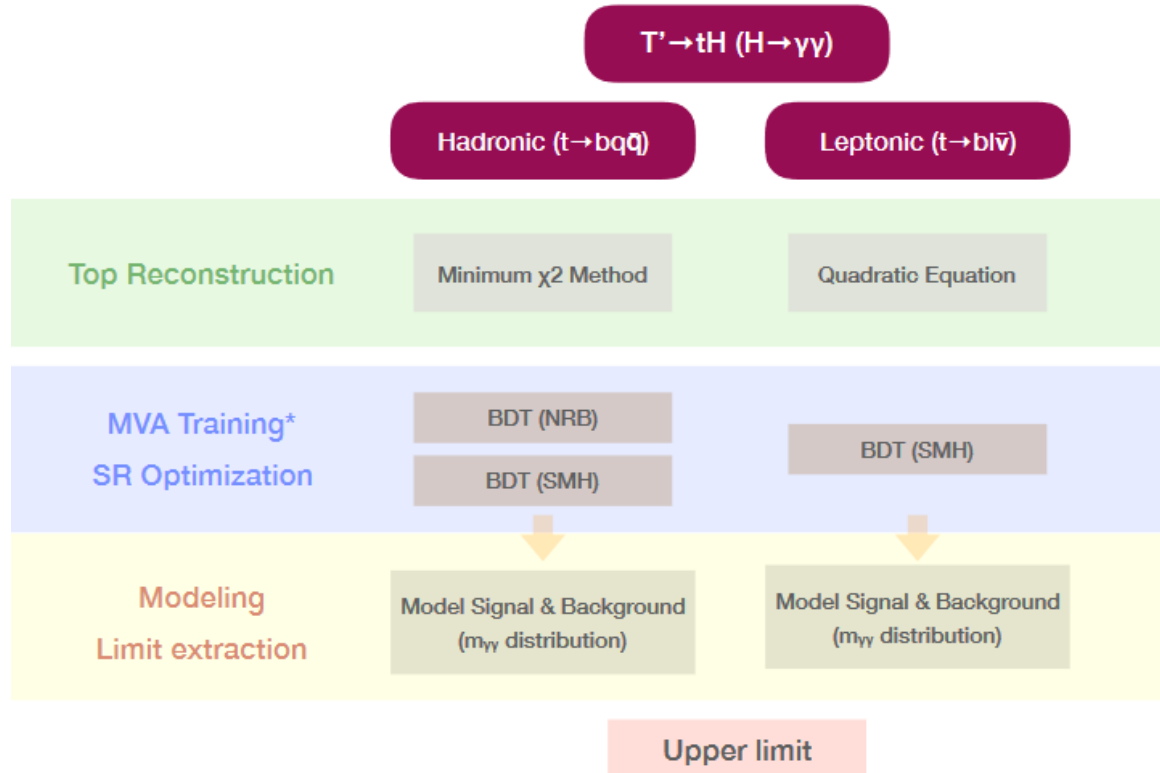


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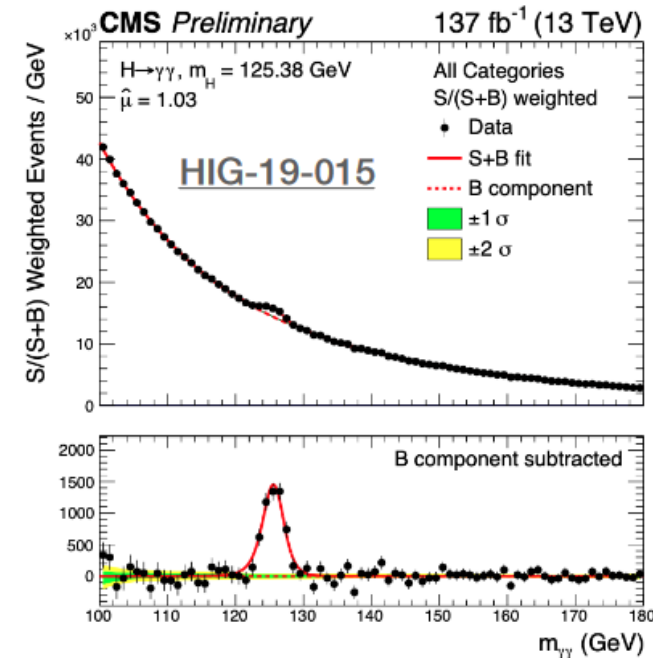
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$SU(2)_L$	2 and 1	1	2	3
$U(1)_Y$	$q_L = 1/6$ $u_R = 2/3$ $d_R = -1/3$	$2/3$ $-1/3$	$7/6$ $1/6$ $-5/6$	$2/3$ $-1/3$
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# $T \rightarrow tH \ (H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$

Submitted to JHEP



\*Separate trainings are performed for three  $T'$  mass categories  
 [600, 625, 650, 675, 700] [800, 900, 1000] [1100, 1200]



Analysis uses  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  as a probe to tag  $T'$   
 Define signal window:  $m_{\gamma\gamma} \in [115, 135]$  GeV

# $T \rightarrow tH$ ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )

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- **Di-photon**

Technical details on photons

- ▶ Flashgg preselected diphoton
- ▶  $P_T$  (leading photon)  $> M_{\gamma\gamma} / 3$
- ▶  $P_T$  (subleading photon)  $> M_{\gamma\gamma} / 4$
- ▶ Photon ID MVA score  $> -0.7$
- ▶  $100 \text{ GeV} < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 180 \text{ GeV}$

- **Electron**

- ▶  $P_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶  $|\eta| < 2.4$  with  $[1.4442, 1.566]$  excluded
- ▶ Loose cut-based electron ID
- ▶  $\Delta R$  (electron and photon)  $> 0.4$
- ▶  $\Delta M$  (electron/photon and Z)  $> 5 \text{ GeV}$

- **Muon**

- ▶  $P_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$  and  $|\eta| < 2.4$
- ▶ Tight cut-based muon ID
- ▶ Isolation  $< 0.25$
- ▶  $\Delta R$  (muon and photon)  $> 0.4$

- **Jets**

- ▶  $P_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$  and  $|\eta| < 4.5$
- ▶ Tight ID (17/18) and Loose ID (16)
- ▶  $\Delta R$  (jet, photon/lepton)  $> 0.4$
- ▶ For w-jets,  $|\eta| < 3.0$

- **bJets**

- ▶ Loose working point of deepCSV
- ▶ b-tagged discriminant is reshaped

- **Triggers**

- ▶ **2016:** HLT\_Diphoton30\_18\_R9Id\_OR\_IsoCaloId\_AND\_HE\_R9Id\_Mass90\*
- ▶ **2017:** HLT\_Diphoton30\_22\_R9Id\_OR\_IsoCaloId\_AND\_HE\_R9Id\_Mass90\*
- ▶ **2018:** HLT\_Diphoton30\_22\_R9Id\_OR\_IsoCaloId\_AND\_HE\_R9Id\_Mass90\*

$$T \rightarrow tH \quad (H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$$

**Submitted to JHEP**

- Multivariate analysis technique

- ▶ Distinguish VLQ signal from background events
- ▶ Gradient boosted decision trees (BDT)
- ▶ Separate trainings are performed for three  $T'$  mass categories [600, 625, 650, 675, 700] [800, 900, 1000] [1100, 1200]

- Leptonic channel

- ▶ One BDT is trained for each  $T'$  mass category
- ▶ Signal: VLQ
- ▶ Background:  $t\bar{t}H$ ,  $ggH$ ,  $VH$ ,  $VBF$ ,  $tHq$

- Hadronic channel

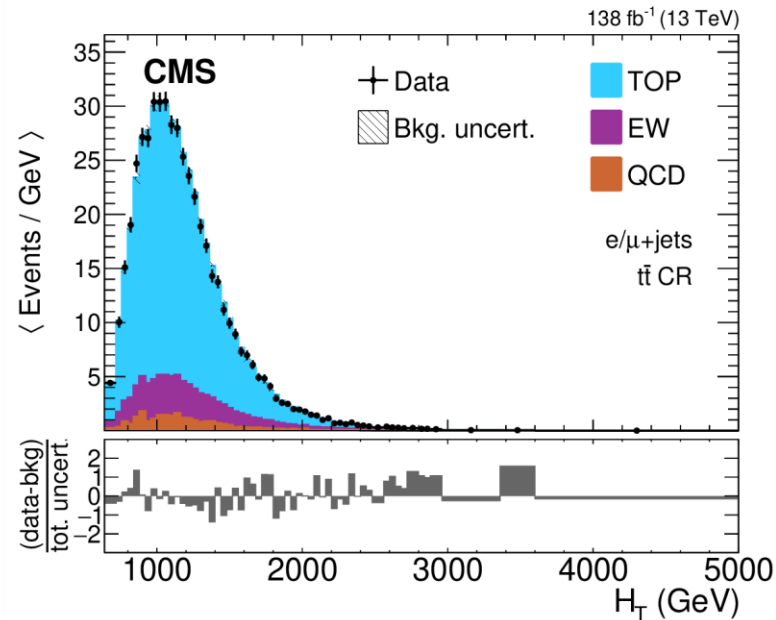
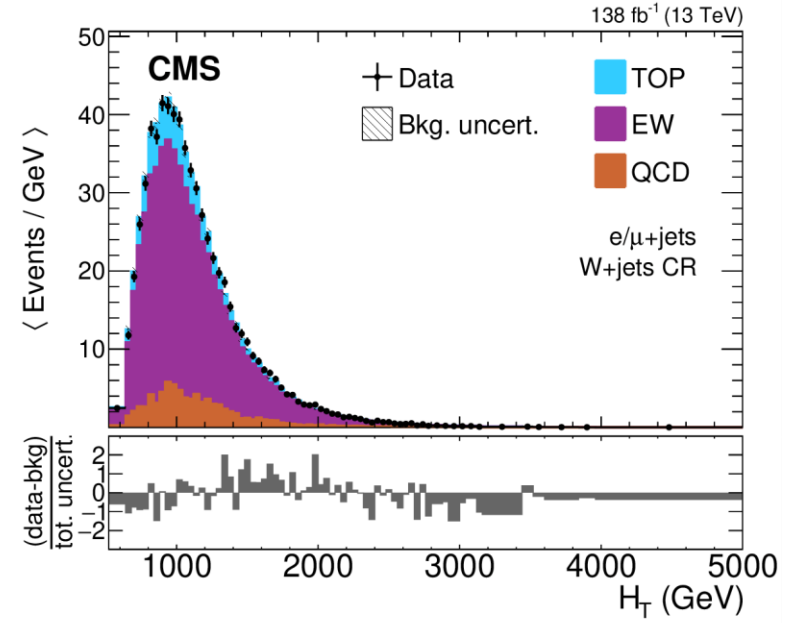
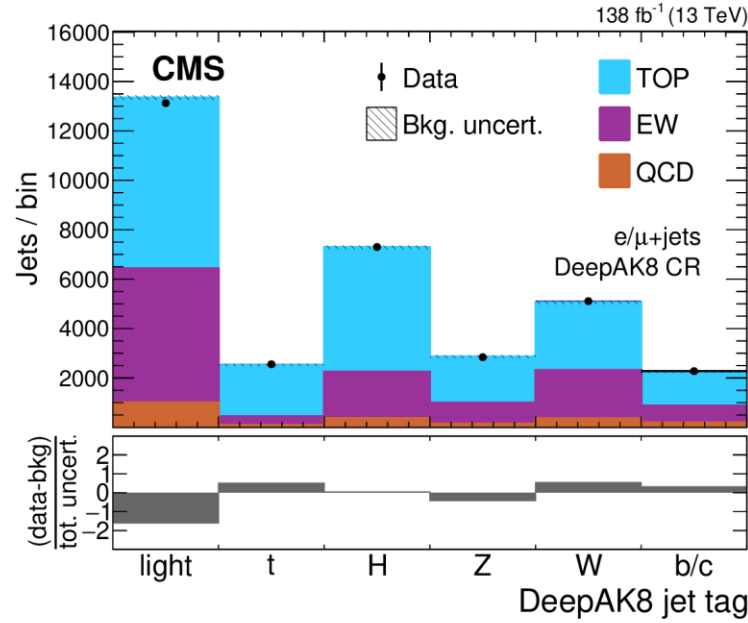
- ▶ Two BDTs are trained for each  $T'$  mass category
- ▶ Signal: VLQ
- ▶ Non-resonant background (NRB):  $\gamma\gamma$ +jets, data-driven QCD,  $t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$ ,  $t\bar{t}\gamma$ +jets,  $t\gamma$ +jets,  $t\bar{t}$ +jets,  $V+\gamma$
- ▶ SM Higgs background (SMH):  $t\bar{t}H$ ,  $ggH$ ,  $VH$ ,  $VBF$ ,  $tHq$

Training configuration
- Algorithm: Gradient BDT
- Decision trees: 1000
- Tree depth: 2
- Training samples: 50%
- Testing samples: 50%

# Pair production $TT/BB$

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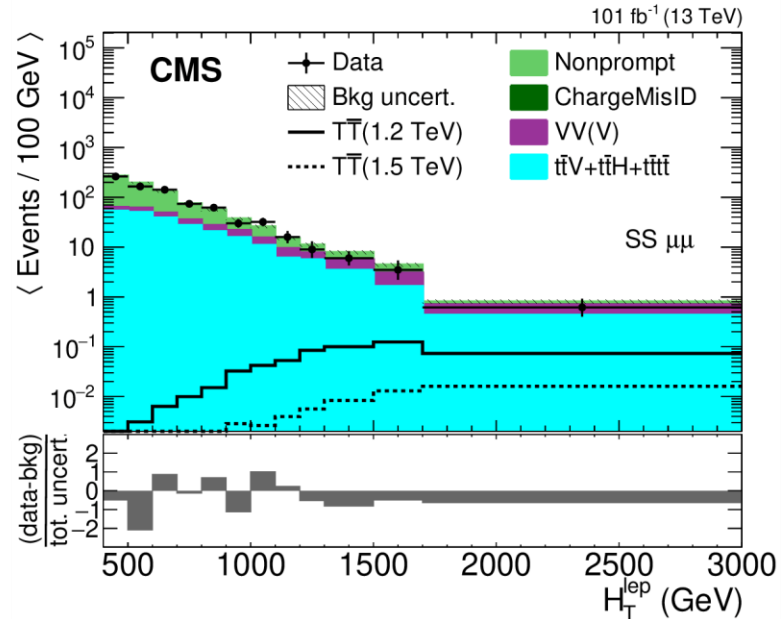
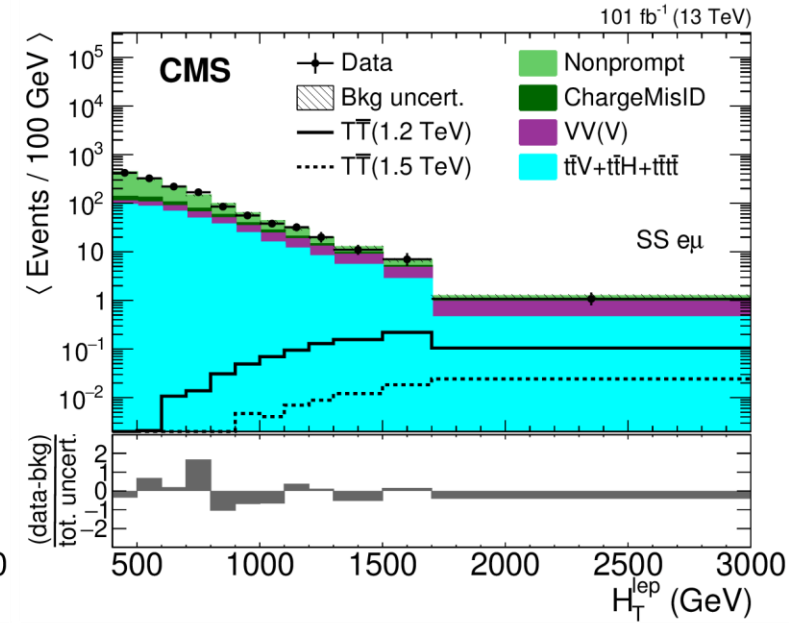
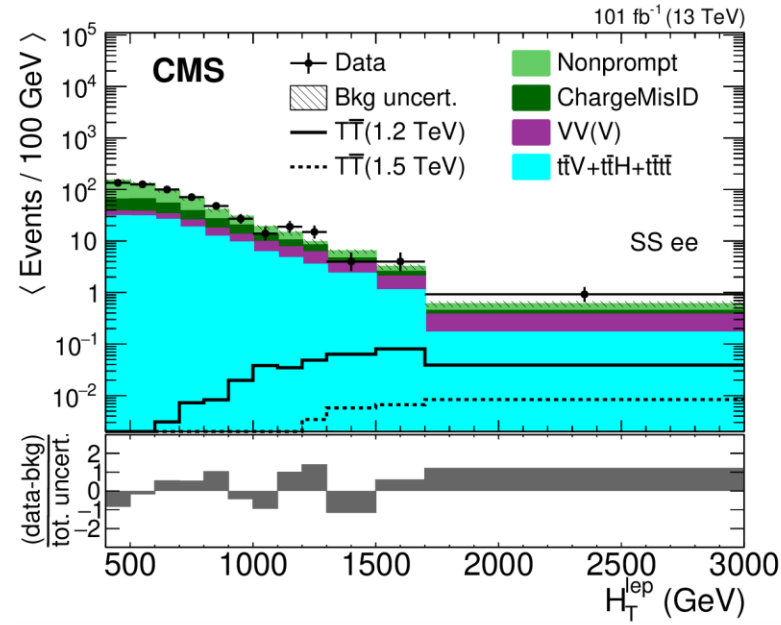
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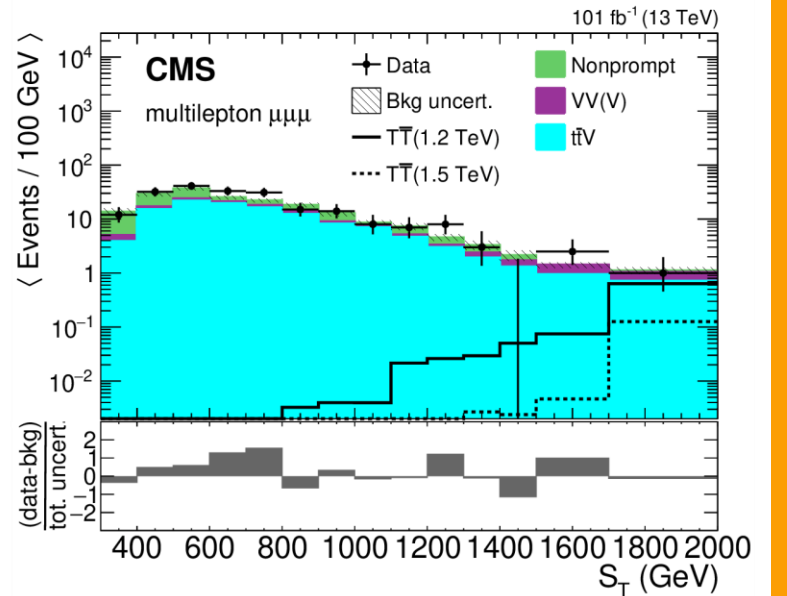
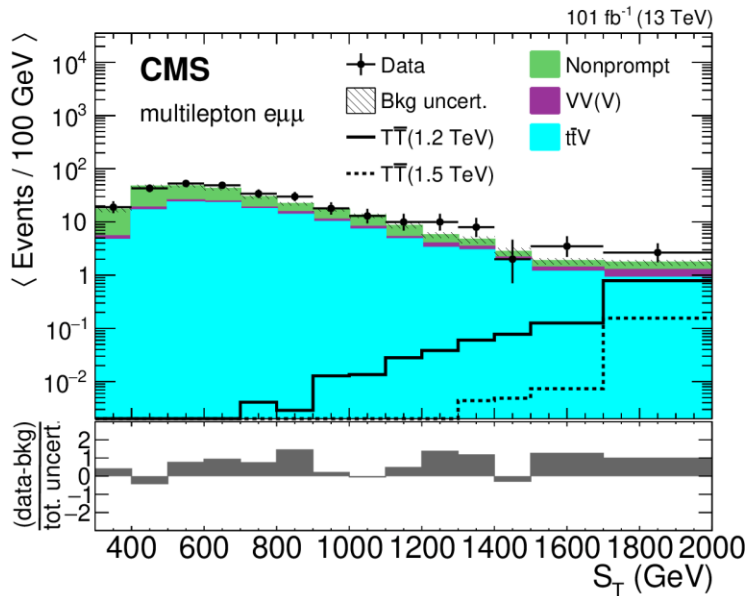
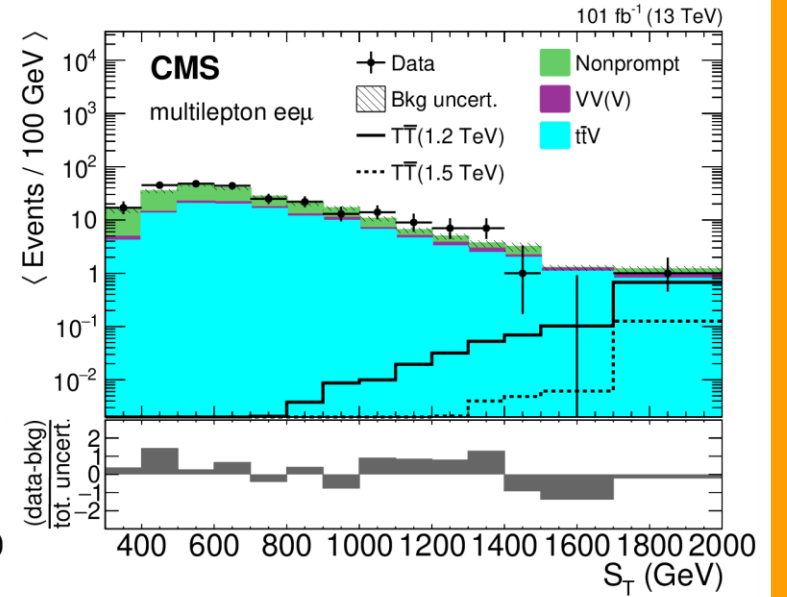
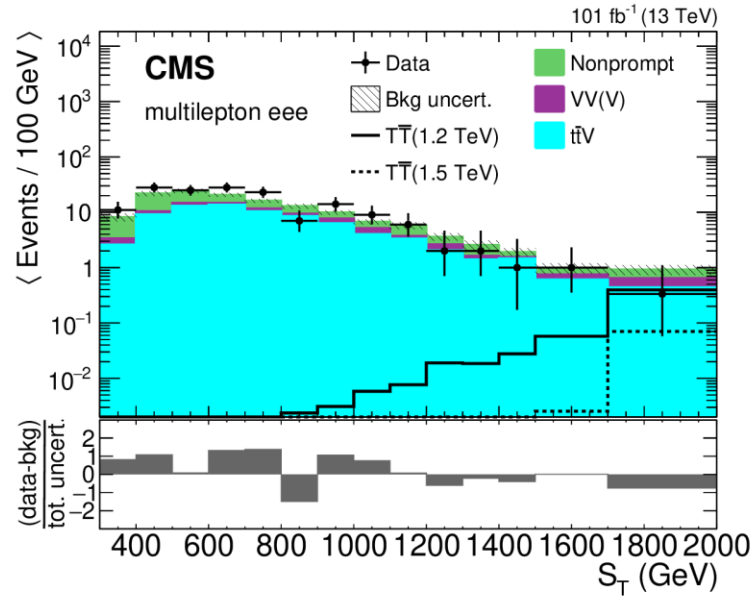
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# Diboson pairs in all-jet final state

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## Event categorisation

▶ 2 orthogonal main categories

▶ **VBF & gg/DY**

▶ Each of them divided in

▶ **VH: H-tag enriched ( $H/Z \rightarrow bb$ )**

2D MD-deepAK8 ZHbbvsQCD

▶ HPHP, HPLP, LPHP

▶ **VV: V-tag enriched ( $V \rightarrow qq$ )**

2D MD-deepAK8 WvsQCD

▶ HPHP, HPLP

▶ Subcategories defined by the purity (mistag rate) of the tagging:

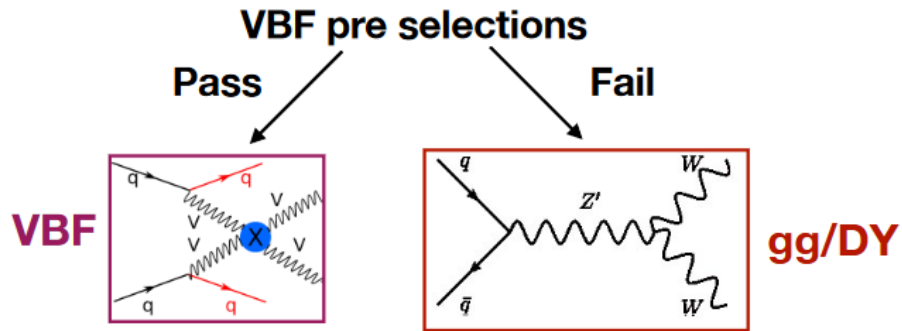
▶ HP = High Purity & LP = Low Purity

Highest  
priority

Lowest  
priority



VH HPHP | VV HPHP | VH LPHP | VH HPLP | VV HPLP



	HP	LP
V->qq tag	< 5 % mistag	5 - 20 % Mistag
H/Z->bb tag	< 2 % mistag	2 - 10 % mistag

▶ Working points and categories prioritization optimized for WW and ZH

▶ Checked Punzi Significance and expected limits (including SF)